

CLAIMS

What is claimed is new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims:

1. An information retrieval system, said system comprising:
 - a) a card reading device for scanning data stored on a magnetic strip of a driver's license;
 - b) a processor for analyzing the scanned data;
 - c) a monitor connected to said processor for displaying the analyzed data;
 - d) a transmitter for wirelessly transmitting the scanned data to a central station; and

- e) a receiver for receiving an information signal concerning a person identified by the scanned driver's license, wherein said information signal is displayed on said monitor for viewing the information concerning the person identified by the scanned driver's license.

2. The system as recited in Claim 1, wherein said information signal includes at least one of a driving record and a criminal record of the person identified by the scanned driver's license.

3. The system as recited in Claim 2, wherein said card reading device includes a first key for activating said transmitter to transmit the scanned data to the central station.

4. The system as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a printer for printing a ticket concerning a violation committed by the person identified by the scanned driver's license.

5. The system as recited in Claim 1, wherein said system is positioned within a police vehicle.

6. The system as recited in Claim 5, wherein said card reading device further comprises a transmit alert key for activating said transmitter to transmit said information signal to police vehicles within an area surrounding the police vehicle upon a determination that the person identified by the driver's license is dangerous.

7. The system as recited in Claim 1, wherein said card reading device further comprises an offense transmission key for transmitting a data signal indicative of a traffic offense committed by the person identified in the driver's license to the central station, wherein the central station prints and mails a traffic ticket to the person identified in the driver's license.

8. The system as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transmitter is a cellular transmitter.

9. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein said receiver is a cellular receiver.

10. The system as recited in Claim 5, wherein said system is connected to receive operating power from a vehicle battery of the police vehicle.

11. An information retrieval system comprising:

a) a central station including:

- i) a data storage system;
- ii) a first receiver for receiving data signals;
- iii) a first processor for retrieving data from said data storage system in response to receipt of a data signal by said first receiver; and
- iv) a first transmitter for transmitting said retrieved data; and

b) an information system including:

- i) a card reading device for scanning data stored on a magnetic strip of a driver's license;
- ii) a second processor for analyzing the scanned data;
- iii) a monitor connected to said processor for displaying the analyzed data;
- iv) a second transmitter for wirelessly transmitting the scanned data to said central station; and

- v) a second receiver for receiving said information signal from said central station concerning a person identified by the scanned driver's license, wherein said information signal is displayed on said monitor for viewing the information concerning the person identified by the scanned driver's license.

12. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein said information signal includes at least one of a driving record and a criminal record of the person identified by the scanned driver's license.

13. The system as recited in Claim 12, wherein said card reading device includes a first key for activating said transmitter to transmit the scanned data to said central station.

14. The system as recited in Claim 11, further comprising a printer for printing a ticket concerning a violation committed by the person identified by the scanned driver's license.

15. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein said system is positioned within a police vehicle.

16. The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein said card reading device further comprises a transmit alert key for activating said transmitter to transmit said information signal to police vehicles within an area surrounding the police vehicle upon a determination that the person identified by the driver's license is dangerous.

17. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein said card reading device further comprises an offense transmission key for transmitting a data signal indicative of a traffic offense committed by the person identified in the driver's license to said central station, wherein said central station further includes a printer for printing a traffic ticket to be mailed to the person identified in the driver's license.

18. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein said transmitter is a cellular transmitter.

19. The system as recited in Claim 11, wherein said receiver is a cellular receiver.

20. The system as recited in Claim 15, wherein said system is connected to receive operating power from a vehicle battery of the police vehicle.